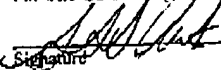


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Serial No.: 09/909,453	)	
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Dear Examiner Luu:

**AMENDMENT B**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2003, the applicant responds as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS****PETITION**

Applicants hereby petition for the necessary and sufficient extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 in which to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.

**FEES**

Any fees incurred as a result of any action herein, including but not limited to amendments and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17, are to be charged to assignee's Deposit Account No. 07-0475.

**SPECIFICATION**

The paragraphs of the specification are amended as presented and as described in detail in the remarks, both *infra*.

**CLAIMS**

The claims are amended as presented and as described in detail in the remarks, both *infra*.